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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kimihiro Kikuchi et al.

Serial No. 09/611,717

Filing Date: July 6, 2000

For: PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER AND
FACE TREATMENT METHOD
AND TREATMENT DEVICE

Examiner: D. H. Heckenberg Jr.

Group Art Unit No. 1722

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002, Applicants have timely filed this Amendment with a one month extension of time. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows: